

Sunday, 8th December 2019 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

8 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford
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Before the start of the service it's good to prepare in quiet. Please talk to God in prayer at this time rather than to others, or perhaps look at the day's readings and hymns. After the service is the time for conversations with each other and we hope that you will stay then for a cup of tea or coffee.

Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Hymns	Readings	Bible	Large Print
137: Crown Him with many crowns	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10	558	1078
359: Jesus shall reign			
527: On Jordan's bank	Romans 15: 4 - 13	924	1778
620: Such love			
406: I cannot tell	Matthew 3: 1 - 12	784	1508

The **Advent Course** will continue on Tuesday, 10th and 17th December at 2 pm in St Francis' Church. Do come to either of these dates to explore characters in the Christmas story more deeply.

Christmas is always a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. Our December **Bereavement Support Group** is on Wednesday, 11th December at 2.30 pm in the Hewitt Room at Emmanuel Church.

The **Advent Quiet Day** on Saturday 14th December at St Francis' is an opportunity to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Prayer stations in the church will be set up between 11.30am and 3.30pm. Come along at any time.

The Cubs and Beavers have delivered many of our Christmas services cards. Please do show your appreciation by supporting the **7th West Wickham Carol Service** on Saturday, 14th December at 6.30pm in St Mary's church. They will be collecting children's pyjamas and/or donations for a local charity - Children's Hospital Pyjamas.

We will be **collecting toys** at the service on Sunday, 15th December for Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid. Children in a refuge or other temporary accommodation as a result of domestic abuse really would appreciate something special at Christmas. Please don't wrap the toys, bring only new toys and no soft toys.

Sunday 15 December - St Francis Christmas Community Lunch: The St Francis Christmas Community lunch will be taking place in the church hall at 12.30 pm on Sunday 15 December - tickets are available from Barbara Goodchild and are £10.00 each. We would be grateful for help on the day - preparing, laying up tables, serving, clearing away and washing up - if you are able to

help even for an hour please can you sign the sheet at the back of church. We are also looking for suitable Christmas raffle prizes too. Many thanks Barbara and Nicky.

Bethlem Hospital Carol Service is on Wednesday, 18th December at 3 pm in their chapel on site. All are welcome.

There is a **dementia-friendly carol service** on Thursday, 19th December at 2.30 pm in Emmanuel Church. Please do go along if interested and tell others about it too.

Burrell Mead Residential Home have their Christmas Party on Saturday, 21st December at 4 pm. All are welcome.

Help a Hospice and save a tree: send Christmas greetings to all your friends in the congregation by putting a card on the Christmas Greetings board at the back of church. The money you save from not sending cards can be donated to Demelza House, our local Children's Hospice. Please complete a Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer. Cheques should be made payable to Demelza House.

Used stamps: There is a box at the back of church for used stamps. I am collecting them to take to Ben Curtis as they collect them for the Leprosy Mission. Thank you. Barbara Goodchild

Safeguarding - Taking and Publishing Images of Children: On the noticeboard and in the Safeguarding folder by the entrance to the church there is a notice showing the suggested guidance that should be followed should anyone be taking photographs or filming at any church event. If there are any questions arising from this please speak to either Hazel O'Sullivan (Church Incumbent) or Kim Teare (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

Cards and more: Daphne Dack will be selling cards, pebbles and raffle tickets after the service on 15th December. The raffle will be drawn on 15th December. All in aid of Christian Aid.

Pew sheet: Items for the pew sheet by Wednesday morning please:

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Hazel's day off is Monday

Tuesday: 8 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
 2 pm Advent Course

Wednesday: 9.30 am Morning Prayer
 10.45 am Holy Communion
 2.30 pm Bereavement Support Group, Emmanuel Church

Thursday: 9 am Morning Prayer

Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
 10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome
 3.45 pm Messy Church at St Mary's

Saturday: 9 am Quiet Hour
 10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning
 10.30 – 3.30 pm – Quiet Day at St Francis

Sunday, 15th December 2019 –

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan, Preacher – Ken Bryan
10.45 am Toy Service - Hazel O'Sullivan, Preacher – Brian Griffiths

12.30 pm – Community Lunch